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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS REPORT ON STUDENTS' VISIT TO USSR AND ATTACK
ON ENTEBBE

1. MONDAY'S MADAGASCAR MATIN CARRIED SIX-COLUMN REPORT
BOLDLY HEADLINED: "THE LIFE OF MALAGASY STUDENTS IN USSR".
STORY WAS BASED ON MEETING HOSTED BY ASSOCIATION OF MALAGASY
STUDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION HELD ON THEIR RETURN TO TA-
NANARIVE. GROUP LEADER SAID ABOUT 100 MALAGASY STUDENTS
STUDYING IN USSR. LIFE IN SOVIET UNION DESCRIBED THUSLY:
SOCIETY WELL ON ROAD TO COMMUNISM; DECENT LIFE GUARANTEED
FOR ALL; SOCIETY SO DISCIPLINED THAT THERE EXISTS NO UN-
EMPLOYMENT, ROBBERY, NOR PROSTITUTION.

2. THEN REPORT TURNED TO BENEFITS STUDENTS RECEIVE WHILE
STUDYING IN RUSSIA: MONTHLY STIPEND OF 27,000 FMG (APP.
\$117), SETTLEMENT PAY ON ARRIVAL OF 90,000 FMG, A VACATION
STIPEND, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALARIED EMPLOYMENT.

3. STORY THEN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE STUDENT LIFE: FREE BOOKS,
WEALTH OF LIBRARIES, EXAMINATION SYSTEM. REPORT NOTED CERTAIN
COURSES OBLIGATORY IN AREAS OF SOCIALIST THEORY, CP HISTORY
AND POLITICAL ECONOMY.

4. TODAY'S OFFICIAL MADAGASCAR PRESSE BULLETIN CARRIED
SIMILAR REPORT, NOTING HOWEVER, THAT 190 MALAGASY
CURRENTLY STUDYING IN USSR.

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5. UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE OBJECTIVELY COVERED BEGINNING
UNSC ENTEBBE ATTACK DEBATE. CITED POSITIONS PUT FOR-
WARD BY PRO-UGANDAN GROUP (NOTING USSR HAD IMMEDIATELY
SUPPORTED UGANDAN POSITION) AND ISRAEL, DESCRIBING
DEBATE "A VAST CONFRONTATION". ALSO REPORTED THAT
FRANCE DECIDED TO CLARIFY "ITS ROLE IN THE EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES".

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